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SUMMARY: PEKING IS PROBABLY URGING THE GRUNK TO MAKE "SLIGHT CONCESSIONS" IN ORDER TO REACH A SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA BUT SIHANOUK SEEMS TO BE SIGNALING THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER OR HOW MUCH TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE US ON THE SUBJECT IS UP TO PEKING, AND THE KHMER INSURGENTS TO WORK OUT. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA JULY 16 CARRIED TEXT OF SIHANOUK'S 43RD MESSAGE IN WHICH HE REITERATES THAT UNITED NATIONAL FRONT OF CAMBODIA AND CAMBODIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMED FORCES WILL "NEVER, NEVER ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS OR COME TO A COMPROMISE OR BECOME RECONCILED WITH THE GANG OF TRAITORS AND THEIR MASTERS--THE US IMPERIALISTS." RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENT ON FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT

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IN CAMBODIA QUESTION, SIHANOUK SAID, "CONCERNING

THE FOREIGN POWERS THAT
ARE TAKING ACTION OR HAVE INTENTION (OR DESIRE) TO TAKE
A CERTAIN ACTION WITH A VIEW TO HELPING
RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CAMBODIA IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR OWN INTER
ESTS, WHICH ARE OBVIOUSLY CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE KHMER
PEOPLE, THE NUFC AND RGNUC EARNESTLY ASK THEM TO GIVE UP COMPLETELY
AND FOREVERMEDDLING WITH CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO
DO WITH THEM."

2. PEKING MEDIA CONTINUE TO REPORT MILITARY AND DIPLO-
MATIC VICTORIES OF THE RGNUC WHILE AVOIDING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
POSSIBILITY OF A SETTLEMENT. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, HOWEVER, TEND
TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRC HAS TRIED TO PERSUADE HER CAMBODIAN ALLIES
TO GIVE " SOME SLIGHT CONCESSIONS" WHICH WOULD SAVE FACE FOR THE US
BUT NOT COMPROMISE AN ULTIMATE TOTAL VICTORY FOR THE RGNUC.
DESPITE HIS CRITICISM OF FOREIGN POWER " MEDDLING," SIHANOUK'S DE-
CISION TO LEAVE PEKING DURING FORTHCOMING CRITICAL PERIOD AND HIS
RECENT INDICATIONS THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE THROUGH THE KHMER
COMMUNISTS (PEKING 560) SUGGEST THAT THE PRINCE MAY BE
LEAVING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR HOW MUCH TO NEGOTIATE
WITH US ON THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM TO THE KHMER COMMUNISTS,
PEKING AND HANOI TO WORK OUT. IN THIS SITUATION,
SIHANOUK IS PROBABLY CONFIDENT THAT IF PEKING HAS A
NEGOTIATING ROLE IT WILL ATTEMPT TO MAXIMIZE HIS POSITION.

3. IF IENG SARY DOES NOT ACCOMPANY SIHANOUK TO PYONGYANG, IT MAY
BE TAKEN AS INDICATION THAT IENG SARY IS REMAINING
BEHIND FOR POSSIBLE TALKS WITH DR. KISSINGER IN PEKING.
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